



# ORANGE HERRING

**Sisters in Crime**  **Orange County**



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote the professional development and advancement of women crime writers to achieve equality in the industry.

## **MEETING PLACE**

Irvine Ranch Water District  
15500 Sand Canyon Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92618

We meet at the Irvine Ranch Water District in the Community Affairs meeting room on the northeast side of the parking lot. For directions, visit: [www.ocsistersincrime.org](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org). ([IRWD map](#))

**"IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR ENDORSES THE CAUSE NOR ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH USE THE DISTRICT'S MEETING ROOMS THAT ARE MADE AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC SERVICE"**

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

To join or renew your membership in our Sisters in Crime Chapter, you must also be a member of National. To renew your national membership, go to: [www.sistersincrime.org/](http://www.sistersincrime.org/). To renew for our chapter, go to: [www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm](http://www.ocsistersincrime.org/membership.htm) and download the form, or fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it in with your check. You can join national online or send your check to national to us, along with your check for our chapter.

**If you have not already done so, please renew your Sisters in Crime membership today!**



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Meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22. Our holiday meeting will be held at Mystery Ink on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in September; instead, we will host our second Ladies of Intrigue program on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

Snack duty will be on a rotating basis. The following people have agreed to bring the snack for these meetings:

June: Jack Martin  
July: Shawn Nelson  
Aug: Jill Amadio  
Sept: NO MEETING (LOI the next weekend)  
Oct: Gita Fisher  
Nov: Theresa Schultz  
Dec: Potluck

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### **June 28, 2015 -- Featured Speaker: Alexandra Sokoloff**

At **2:00 p.m.**, our Writers Forum topic will be: "Are you a Plotter or Pantser?" We'll discuss the mechanics of story.



At **3:00 p.m.**, our guest speaker will be **Alexandra Sokoloff**. Alexandra is the bestselling, Thriller Award- winning and Bram Stoker and Anthony Award-nominated author of eleven supernatural, paranormal and crime thrillers. The New York Times has called her "a daughter of Mary Shelley" and her books "Some of the most original and freshly unnerving work in the genre."

As a screenwriter she has sold original suspense and horror scripts and written novel adaptations for numerous Hollywood studios (Sony, Fox, Disney, Miramax), for producers such as Michael Bay, David Heyman, Laura Ziskin and Neal Moritz.

She is also the workshop leader of the internationally acclaimed Screenwriting Tricks for Authors workshops, based on her Screenwriting Tricks for Authors workbooks and blog.



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## MEETING ROUNDUP

By Pat H. Broeske

We did some armchair traveling at our May meeting, thanks to our featured speaker Colin Cotterill, who makes his home on the Gulf of Siam in Southern Thailand and writes mysteries set in Thailand and Laos.

The personable Cotterill delivered an amusing PowerPoint presentation, which utilized his own drawings (he's a cartoonist), to discuss the journey that took him from his British homeland, where he was a physical education teacher, to countries including Australia (where he taught English to migrant children) and Laos (where he worked for UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). His work in Southeast Asia led him to found a program to combat child prostitution and pornography. In fact, his first few books were written in response to his anger over the exploitation of children. They didn't sell. "Preaching doesn't work," admits Cotterill, who today enjoys success with the lighter-in-tone Dr. Siri Paiboun mysteries, set in Laos, and the Jimm Juree crime series, about a former journalist in Southern Thailand.

Cotterill says he prefers to think of himself as "a storyteller" as opposed to a writer. He is decidedly prolific. Since 2004 there have been nine books from Soho Crime about Dr. Paiboun, the coroner of Laos. The latest in the series is "Six and a Half Deadly Sins." (Interestingly, there is no actual coroner in Laos – and no forensics pathology – as the locals believe that touching dead bodies can unleash the spirits of the dead.) Jimm Juree has "starred" in a trio of books published by Minotaur. The busy Cotterill also writes stand-alones. You can read more about him, and view his drawings, on his lively website at [www.colincotterill.com](http://www.colincotterill.com).

Cotterill – who was accompanied by his wife, Kyoko -- spoke following a Readers Forum about the allure of mysteries set in foreign locales.

## MEET THE MEMBERS



We're trying something new. Each month we will profile a different member of Sisters in Crime Orange County. First up, our Vice President, **Jack Martin**, a life-long Californian and graduate of the UCLA school of Law (take that, Trojans!). Jack worked for Boeing as an attorney for more years than he cares to remember. He has one child (that he knows of). According to Jack, his mind is a veritable black hole of useless historical trivia.

1. WHAT SUB-GENRE OF MYSTERY/SUSPENSE/THRILLER DO YOU PREFER TO READ?

Prefer the historical mystery genre; don't object to a touch of Gothic.



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2. IF YOU COULD SHARE A MEAL WITH ANY AUTHOR (LIVING OR DEAD), WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

As to with whom I would most like to dine, it would be a tie between Philip Kerr (author of the brilliant Bernie Gunther historical novels) and H. P. Lovecraft (most influential writer of horror in the 20th Century).

3. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE WEAPON OF CHOICE?

My favorite weapon: The Webley top-break revolver in caliber .455. If you run out of bullets, it can be used as a quite effective bludgeon.

4. BASEBALL CAP, DEERSTALKER, OR FEDORA?

Fedora, of course. Deerstalkers are for pretentious Europeans, baseball caps for women.

### MEMBER NEWS

**Jack Martin** is pleased to announce that his latest mystery, *Brother Can You Spare a Dime?* is being released by Blank Slate Press on August 25th. It is the first in a series of Harry Bierce mysteries. Bierce is Depression-era F.B.I. agent, who in this debut outing finds himself involved with the attempted assassination of FDR, the vicious Bonnie and Clyde and John Dillinger, and the sinister political machine of the Louisiana demagogue Huey Long. Here is a link to it on Amazon: [http://www.amazon.com/Brother-Can-You-Spare-Dime/dp/1943075085/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433193406&sr=1-4&keywords=brother+can+you+spare+a+dime](http://www.amazon.com/Brother-Can-You-Spare-Dime/dp/1943075085/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433193406&sr=1-4&keywords=brother+can+you+spare+a+dime).

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Join **Jan Burke** and **DP Lyle** on Crime & Science Radio for these great upcoming shows:

6-6-15: The Anatomy of Innocence: An Interview with Author, Legal Scholar, and Advocate **Laura Caldwell**

6-20-15: My Lying Eyes: Audio-Video-Image Enhancement Expert **Douglas Carner** Discusses Tampered Evidence and Industry Secrets

Details: [http://www.dplylemd.com/DPLyleMD/CRIME\\_%26\\_SCIENCE\\_RADIO.html](http://www.dplylemd.com/DPLyleMD/CRIME_%26_SCIENCE_RADIO.html)

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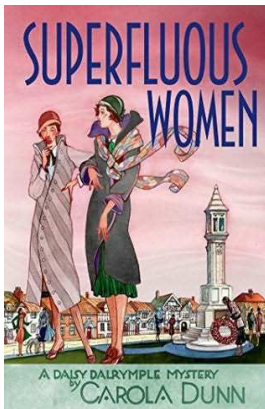
## MYSTERY INK NEWS

Mystery Ink Bookstore, 8907 Warner Avenue, #135, Huntington Beach, (714) 960-4000

New hours: Wed. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sat., 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[www.mysteryink.com](http://www.mysteryink.com). Coffee & Wi-Fi available.

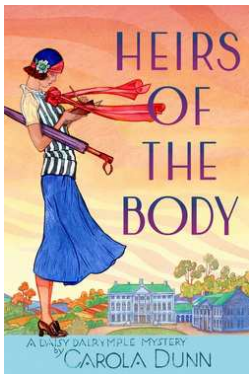
### **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - Carola Dunn**



“The 22nd entry (after Heirs of the Body) in the charming 1920s-set series proves that Dunn just keeps getting better.”

– *Library Journal*

**SUPERFLUOUS WOMEN** - While visiting three old school friends at their new countryside house, Daisy and her husband, Alec discovers a locked wine cellar. When Alec opens the door, what greets them is not a cache of wine, but the stench of a long-dead body. To clear her friends of the crime, Daisy is determined to use all her resources and skills to solve the mystery behind this perplexing locked-room crime.



"Entertaining... Fans of Downton Abbey will be delighted."

– *Publishers Weekly*

**HEIRS OF THE BODY** (paperback now available) - When one of four potential claimants to the title of Lord Dalrymple dies a sudden, nasty death, the question on everyone's mind is, was it murder?

A series with all the charm of the classic golden age mysteries with the kind of full-blooded, three dimensional characters that define the best of modern mystery, the Daisy Dalrymple mysteries have been a favorite for more than two decades.

Carola Dunn is the author of over 50 books: 22 mysteries in the Daisy Dalrymple series, set in England in the 1920s; 3 Cornish mysteries, set around 1970; and 32 Regencies. She was born and grew up in England. She has lived in Southern California for 20 years, and then moved to Eugene, Oregon, where she now lives. She is not far from the Willamette River, and where she walks every morning with her dog Trillian.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Presents

**Ladies of Intrigue**

A day-long event featuring Remarkable Women Mystery Writers

**Saturday, October 3, Hotel Huntington Beach**

*With special guest speaker Catriona McPherson, SinC National President  
And other soon to be announced authors \**

\* Interested authors are invited to contact OC SinC president Gayle Carline @ [gaylecarline@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaylecarline@sbcglobal.net)

*Details Available Soon @ [ocsistersincrime.org](http://ocsistersincrime.org)*



**Support your local SinC chapter. Buy a mug at the next meeting, and donate books for our raffle!**

**PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!**

If you have events coming up or announcements you want to make, let me know. Please send your contributions and suggestions to: [ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ocsinc.newsletter@gmail.com). **The deadline is the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month!**



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**SISTERS IN CRIME ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Print and complete this form. NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO JOIN SISTERS IN CRIME NATIONAL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER.**

Send the completed form with both checks, \$40 payable to Sisters in Crime (National) and \$25 payable to Sisters in Crime, OC to:

**Membership**

Sisters in Crime, Orange County

P.O. Box 53132

Irvine, CA 92619-3132

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Please print all information and list your name as you want it listed in the Membership Directory.**

New       Renewal Name: Address:

**Day Phone:**

**Evening Phone:**

**Email: I am a (check all that apply):**

Mystery Writer     Published     Unpublished

Writer in other fields     Published     Unpublished

Screenwriter

--Produced:     Features     TV/Cable     Other

Reviewer     Agent     Bookseller     Librarian     Reader

**I would like to help with (check all that apply):**

Publicity     Refreshments     Speakers     Raffle     Other: